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One of the most serious dangers that threaten Canada at the present time is the delusion that material prosperity depends mainly on political considerations. This delusion always becomes rampant in a time of depression. When business is dull and money scarce too many people are ready to listen to any demagogue and to catch at any straw. Whatever depression exists in Ontario at the present time was produced mainly by four causes—a short harvest, unseasonable weather, low prices for produce and the influenza epidemic. Would Imperial Federation have produced one more turnip than grew under Confederation? Would Annexation have given us one inch of snow? Would Independence have raised the price of wheat one cent or have kept "la grippe" from our family? If all the orators and all the journals that are recommending some political "fad" as a sovereign remedy for national ills would try to teach the people that prosperity depends mainly on the exercise of such old-fashioned virtues as economy, industry, pluck, thrift, and plodding self-denial, Canada would soon become a great country. But that kind of thing would not be popular. Men never cheer when you ask them to work, or drink less liquor, or wear their old coats until they can afford to pay for new ones.—*Canada Presbyterian.*

A short letter appeared in the Canadian Presbyterian last week from a prominent Presbyterian minister in British Columbia, appealing to the church to send a missionary to a certain field of labor there which is now vacant. After asking, "Is the missionary spirit dying out?" the letter goes on to state the attractions of the vacant charge in the following terms: "The community is one of growing importance. The 'knowing ones' say that startling developments may be expected very soon in the way of mining and railway building. A dry, beautiful climate. Good roads all the year round. Work, on the whole, not so laborious as in most of our rural fields in British Columbia. What existing sentiment, we would like to ask, does the above signify? It sounds a little strange, to say the least. Imagine one of the disciples of old studying Roman newspapers to discover where lay the most attractive field, from a bodily point of view, in which to labor for the Master! Imagine the martyrs who have laid down their lives in the fever stricken wilds of Africa hesitating because there were likely to be no startling financial developments in the country, no good roads, no beautiful climate, and because work would be laborious! If we were a missionary we would not feel like applying for the above situation, from a sense of fear that we would be looked upon as one who desired little part in the "burden and heat of the day" as a laborer in the Master's vineyard.

All interested in the well being of scientific agriculture and Agricultural Societies, are probably aware that an attempt is being made to place them on a better footing through legislative aid. The most common-sense

proposition yet put forth, comes from the Sec'y of the East Grey Agricultural Society of Flesherton, who suggests that the \$10,000 per annum in past years granted to the Agricultural and Arts Association for the Provincial Exhibition, be in future handed over to the district Societies. This is a good idea, and one which we trust will be carried out. The Hon. Chas. Drury has been sounded on the subject, and he seems inclined to favor the scheme, but does not commit himself. Nothing is likely to be done this year, as it will take probably the larger part of the ten thousand to be granted this year to place the Provincial Association on a satisfactory financial basis. After that the sum may be divided among the smaller societies, which certainly need it. Every effort should, in the meantime, be made by the Societies, their friends and representative members in the local house, to have the proposed change made as soon as possible. It is an important matter.—*Orillia Daily Times.*

These circus showmen will get their free advertising, even when such advertising results in no pecuniary benefit. Adam Forepaugh, who passed the customs of death a couple of weeks ago, has caused the statement to be started that he "was an illiterate man, but he never smoked or chewed tobacco, nor did he use intoxicating liquor."

The Orange Incorporation Bill received its second reading in the House on Monday after a division which resulted in 85 for and 69 against. Sir John Macdonald, Ministers Foster, Carling, Bowell, Beaudrey, Tupper and Haggart voted yea. Mr. Laurier was found among the nays, as was also Mr. Mackenzie. It will no doubt become law.

Mr. Landerkin voted against the Orange incorporation bill in the Dominion Parliament on Monday. We respectfully submit that Dr. Landerkin is driving the nails in his own coffin just as fact as his little hammer can drive them, and this latter spike will complete the work.

It has been announced that the Hon. Edward Blake will not hereafter take any prominent part in the affairs of his party. We do not blame Mr. Blake for forsaking the party that forsok him.

Letters to the Editor,
For the opinions of which he does not hold himself in any degree responsible.

An Evidence of "Ability."

SIR,—Please allow me to call the attention of the taxpayers of Artemesia to a thing or two. In the first place I would say to one and all, when you happen to be in Flesherton it would be worth your while to take a walk down to the Boyne bridge and examine it. The first thing that will take your attention will be the way it is twisted across the road, and the next thing of importance will be to find that it is all you have for \$468.86. If those figures are not correct I hope the "Chief Magistrate" will correct them. Now, I feel safe in saying that \$200 of this money is wasted. It is not a hard matter to find the value of this bridge; the work is all there, and can easily be measured, and the value of such work is well understood, but when you take into account the way the business was managed you will see something rather unusual. Instead of getting up proper plans and specifications, and letting the contract by public competition, he hired men and teams by the day, and so the bridge was raised. But the price went higher than the bridge. You all know that it is a hard matter to get the worth of your money in this way, as there is money in the treasury, and the job is good, and the money sure and the township is well able to pay! Now all know how statute labour is performed in some places. Well, if you had been along when the work was going on, you could have seen it repeated. I passed along one day and saw it for myself. I find that W. D. Varty got \$80.36

cents; he also got \$15.50 cents for repairing this bridge, and, strange to say, that, although it is only in its second year, it has been repaired twice. I have not found the bill for the second repairs; it will likely come in the next report, and there will be more to follow. Now I find that Dr. Christoe has drawn out of the treasury \$375, said to be for this bridge. Now, I tell you that no man, whether he is a municipal officer or not, has a right to garble the township funds in any such manner. The council should issue orders on the treasurer direct to parties entitled to receive the money. They should present the orders to the treasurer and receive the cash, and the treasurer would retain the orders and vouchers for the money paid and they would so appear in his report. Then, by reading the treasurer's report, you could see where every dollar of your money went, and that is the object of his report. But the way this business is muddled, the treasurer's report does not give you the information it is designed to give. Now if this is the proper way to do business on the same principal the same councillor for each ward could draw from the treasury the \$150 usually appropriated to each ward for road improvements, and pay out one half of it for road making and put the balance into his pocket and not even give a statement of it. How long, do you think, a business firm would keep in their employ a man that would take their money and spend it as he liked, and not even give them a statement of it? Yet that is the way this man of ability has done with our funds. Judging by his actions he must think it is enough for the farmer to pay all the taxes levied on them and he do as he likes with the money without any explanation whatever. Now, you have a right to know who were employed to do this work, how much a day each man received, how many days each man worked, how much was paid by the day for teams, how many days did they work and what other expenses was there in connection with this bridge. Now, if the Chief Magistrate neglects or refuses to give this information I would ask the Council as a matter of right to have the information published in *The Advance*.

I made a slight mistake in my last letter in reference to the Nelson Hill matter. I should have said that the reeve denied writing certain things officially concerning that matter, but when the letter was produced in court it was signed by him as reeve of Artemesia. Gentlemen, I remain yours. THORP WRIGHT.

General News.

The will of the late Senator McDonald is published. He left an estate worth \$1,500,000.

There is a revival in Portugal of the demonstrations against England and the English.

Kape, who murdered his wife while under the influence of liquor, expiated his crime in Toronto yesterday.

The pope has issued a decree absolving the faithful in countries visited by influenza from fasting.

The Orange Incorporation Bill was given its second reading Monday in Parliament by a majority of sixteen.

Graham, charged with attempted jury bribing in the Cronin trial, has not turned up, and his \$15,000 bail bonds are forfeited.

The case which culminated in the hanging of the anarchists at Chicago is to be taken before the United States Supreme Court for review.

Mr. Gladstone has again refused an offer made by a firm of American publishers of £6,000 yearly for everything he writes for the public.

The County Council of Wentworth is at present a headless body owing to the resignation of Warden Ferguson, who by this move forestalled the proceedings instituted by T.W. Townsend to unseat him.

The snowstorm which set in Friday extended all over the northern part of the continent. Winnipeg reports mountains of snow and the mercury falling. Pittsburg, Pa., reports the worst storm in years, and in Minnesota a blizzard raged, with the temperature 10 degrees below zero.

All the Australian government have forwarded to the secretary for the colonies protests against the use of the vetoing power by the Home Government as exercised regarding bills dealing with colonial domestic legislation. The protests are apropos of a divorce bill passed by the Victorian Parliament that has been sent to London for approval.

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